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Esgobaeth Mynwy



Diocese of Monmouth



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News



Advent Reflections - Week 2

The Diocesan Prayer and Spirituality Group have made a short series of video reflections on the meaning of Advent. We invite you to join with us over the next few weeks, as together we make our journey through Advent.





Announcement

The Revd Hilary Prest, currently Team Vicar in the Netherwent Ministry Area, has announced her intention to retire at Easter next year. Prior to ordination in 2015, Hilary was a Licenced Lay Minister in the then Bassaleg Benefice. During this period, Hilary also volunteered with the chaplaincy team at the Royal Gwent Hospital for over 5 years. Following ordination, she served her curacy in Bassaleg and then moved to the role of Associate Priest in what was then the Benefice of Magor. Hilary has been serving as Team Vicar since the creation of the Netherwent MA.

Bishop Cherry writes, '*Hilary has brought a great deal of wisdom and experience to her ordained ministry, not least in her support of others in the ministry team. Her pastoral work in schools and funeral ministry will be very much missed, as will her work to develop small groups to help people explore faith and discipleship. We are thankful for all that Hilary has given to the churches and communities across the MA and pray that she and her husband Peter will enjoy a long and happy retirement.*'

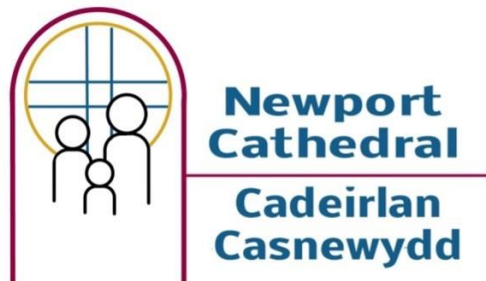


Vision in Focus - Stewardship

This edition looks at why stewardship is too important to ignore and offers some practical advice and resources to help us all be thankful and generous people this Advent.

Click here to read and hear more [Vision in Focus - Stewardship Dec '23](#)

Training and Events



Save the Date: Diocesan Choral Festival 2024

There will be a Choral Evensong on **Sunday 4th February** at 4pm, at Newport Cathedral. All are welcome!

More details to follow.



Safeguarding Training 2024

Date	Day	Time	Location	Postcode	Course
16/01/2024	Tuesday	10am	St Mary's Church, Marshfield	CF3 2UF	B
22/01/2024	Monday	1pm	St Georges, Tredegar	NP22 3DU	B
29/02/2024	Thursday	10am	All Saints Church, Brynglas Road, Newport	NP20 5RY	B
29/02/2024	Thursday	1pm	All Saints Church, Brynglas Road, Newport	NP20 5RY	C

Dates for Safeguarding training in 2024 have just been released. All of the available sessions, including online sessions, can be found by following this link: [SafeguardingTraining - The Church in Wales](#).

The two courses shown above are as follows:

Course B - Understanding Safeguarding in the Church - for all those in the church that have a role with children, young people or adults at risk, anyone with a church office and all clergy.

Course C - Safeguarding and Leadership - for all MALs, MAC members, focal ministers, Lay Co-Chairs and church wardens.

Places can be booked via the webform [SafeguardingTraining Booking Form - The Church in Wales](#), by emailing safeguardingtraining@churchinwales.org.uk or by calling 07376 199668.



Multiply Church Planting Conference 2024

An exciting event will be taking place in Birmingham on **Wednesday 12th June** 2024, from 9am - 4pm. The Gregory Centre for Church Multiplication (CCX) supports leaders, church teams and dioceses across London, England and beyond as they multiply disciples, churches and networks.

Next year's summer event, run by CCX and Youthscape, will focus on a Younger Church - a conference for church leaders and those who support

them in the call to disciple and invest in the energies and insights of its young people, allowing today's youth to shape tomorrow's church.

There are currently half price tickets available at £12.50 until 31st December and if you are interested in attending, the diocese will organise a group booking. Please contact the diocesan office on admin.monmouth@cinw.org.uk or 01633 267490.

For more information on the conference, you can visit their website here: [Multiply](#)

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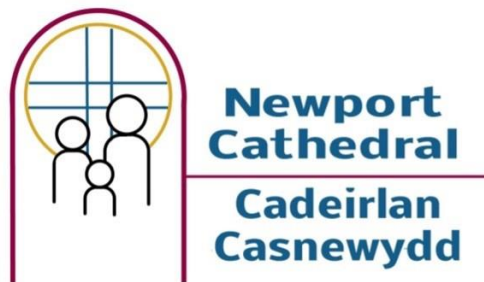
THE ARCHBISHOP OF WALES
FUND FOR CHILDREN

Archbishop of Wales' Fund for Children

There has been an excellent response to our appeal for applications to this Fund, which is closing imminently. Roughly half of the remaining money has been allocated, but there is still time (and cash) for more groups to apply.

There will be one final meeting of the trustees next spring, and the closing date for new applications is **31st March 2024**. The fund welcomes applications from any group or organisation acting on behalf of children.

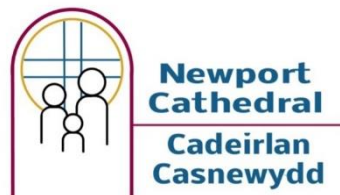
Please visit the website for more details on how to apply: [Fund for Children](#)



St Woolos' Quarterly

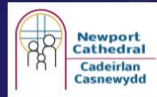
The Winter edition of Newport Cathedral's magazine ***St Woolos' Quarterly*** is now out! Please take copies, available in the Cathedral, to distribute to friends and family. It can also be found on the website here: [Newport Cathedral](#)

Services



Join us for the service from the Cathedral, this Sunday at 10.30am [here](#).

Please see the poster below for details of all the services happening in December at the Cathedral.



DECEMBER AT NEWPORT CATHEDRAL

3rd Dec - Advent Carol Service - 4pm

10th Dec - St. Woolos Sinfonia - Bach Advent Cantata - 7pm

17th Dec - Christingle Crib Service - 4pm

23rd Dec - Carols at the Crib - 5pm
Jumpers, Santa hats and a good sing!

24th Dec - 9 Lessons & Carols Service - 4pm

*This service is ticketed - Free

24th Dec - Midnight Mass - 11pm

25th Dec - Christmas Day Holy Eucharist - 8am & 10.30 am

Stow Hill,
Newport, Gwent.
NP20 4ED

01633 267464

enquiries@newportcathedral.org.uk



*Tickets for 9 lessons & carols available from 20th
November at eventbrite.

Any queries please contact the Cathedral Office
Mon - Fri 9am - 3pm

Vacancies

Ministry Area Leader - Severn Wye

We are looking for a new Ministry Area Leader with a strong faith and a real heart for God, who will take the ministry area through the development stage and into a period of mission and growth.

The person we would like for this role will:

- Have the vision to lead and develop a committed and enthusiastic lay and clergy team in a beautiful part of Wales, have a calling to grow the church community, and give it a strong sense of unity
- Inspire the ministry area community in worship, and be able to communicate scripture in a way that relates well to existing church members and encourages potential future church members
- Enthuse the ministry area with energy and inspire people with vision, finding novel and effective ways of bringing more people to Christ
- Be caring and relate to people of all generations, helping people of all ages to explore, develop and use their gifts
- Have the desire to work with younger people, engaging enthusiastically with the ministry to schools and, hopefully, with the new Church Hub
- Communicate and develop a creative and missional vision for our buildings

We need a Ministry Area Leader who can help us grow as disciples, building on our strengths but also helping us address our weaknesses. We feel now is the time to embrace change and develop our potential for spiritual, missional and numerical growth.

We are striving to be an inclusive diocese and would welcome applications from all suitably qualified clerics.

For an informal conversation please contact Venerable Ian Rees on 07983684151 or archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Application form and full profile available at:

<https://monmouth.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/jobs/ministry-area-leader-severn-wye-ministry-area/>

Applications should be submitted by email to:

archdeacon.monmouth@churchinwales.org.uk

Closing date for applications:
Monday 11th December 2023

Interviews TBC

For a downloadable and printable version of this email please click **here**.

You can find the one-stop-shop for all you need to know and this week's updates **[here](#)**.



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